

DMS Control No. 3060-082, DMS Control No. 3060-083

<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2015
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

~~See attached worksheet~~

Class Control No. 2040-0800 Class Control No. 2040-0813
300-7011

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0086/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<015> Study Area Name	DAKOTA CENTRAL
<020> Program Year	2016
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Keith A. Larson
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7016526105 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	keithledaktel.net

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

Form 482
OMB Control No. 3060-0905/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
May 2019

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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	
Lifeline	Form 481
Data Collection Form	OWB Control No. 3060-0581/OWB Control No. 3060-0819 Jan 2013

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.daktel.com/lifeline.aspx>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

Case Control No. 3060-0515 Control No. 3060-0515

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Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

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Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information	Date of Attachment
None	

<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1))
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2))
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3))
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4))

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification

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Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information
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(b)(5) State Of Return Carrier Additional Information
Data Collection Form

<010>	Study Area Code	381610
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	Kath@darotta.net

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(i)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

381610nd3010.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(i), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

381610nd3012.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

381610nd3017.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers.

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	
Data Collection Form	FIC Form No. 3000-001, Rev. 10/01 Last Revision No. 3000-001, Rev. 10/01

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

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(3028) Operating Expenses

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(3029) Net Income

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(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

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(3031) Total Assets

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(3032) Total Debt

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(3033) Total Equity

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(3034) Dividends

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Certification Reporting Carrier Data Line		Data Line	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	



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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>John Staurulakis, Inc.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: <u>John Staurulakis, Inc.</u>	
Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>DAKOTA CENTRAL</u>	
Signature of Authorized Officer: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u>	Date: <u>06/12/2015</u>
Printed name of Authorized Officer: <u>Keith Larson</u>	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: <u>CEO/GM</u>	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: <u>7016526105 ext.</u>	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: <u>381610</u>	Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2015</u>
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>DAKOTA CENTRAL</u>	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>JSI</u>	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u>	Date: <u>06/12/2015</u>
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>Cassandra Heyne</u>	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>Consultant</u>	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>3014597590 ext.</u>	
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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 112

**Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and
Progress Report For**

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**Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I,
Inc. Demonstration of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and
Consumer Protection Rules**

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”² The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement” and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.³ In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”⁴

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under federal law and, to a limited extent under North Dakota state law as a telecommunications carrier subject to North Dakota Public Service Commission regulation. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) adherence to state requirements that the Company complies with consumer protection

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

² *Id.* at para. 28.

³ *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

⁴ *Id.* at n. 72.

and service quality standards pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Article 69, including customer requests for lowest price service alternatives (69-09-05-01), discontinuance of telecommunications services (69-09-05-02), deposits and guarantees (69-09-05-03); (2) truth-in-billing requirements, and (3) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the *2015 Open Internet Order* when it becomes effective.

**Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I,
Inc. Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations**

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)¹ and North Dakota Administrative Code 69-09-05-12. The Company's voice and broadband network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company's central office can maintain 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent, of battery reserve rated for peak traffic load requirements, and a permanent auxiliary power unit is installed. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites capable of running for a minimum of 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of

¹ Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

customers working out of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office locations. They will continue to run as long as the Company has access to fuel. The Company tests the batteries at least once per year.

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(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2015
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION
FORM NO. 10-67 (Rev. 10-67) (GPO Cat No. 3060-0819)

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(800) Operating Companies

Data Collection Form

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<810> Reporting Carrier Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative

<811>	Holding Company	Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative
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<812>	Operating Company	Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative
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<813> (b)

Affiliates

SAC

Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation

Daktel Communications, LLC

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

(SAC 381610)

Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.

(SAC 381610)

**Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly
Began Providing Service**

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. did not newly begin providing community anchor institutions with access to broadband service in calendar year 2014.

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 3017

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